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COMPOUND AND  
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AND USING SAME

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**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT**

Dear Sir:

This communication is responsive to the Restriction Requirement mailed on April 8, 2005, in connection with the above-identified patent application.

The one-month shortened statutory period for reply is set to expire on May 8, 2005. It is respectfully submitted that this Response is timely filed within the shortened statutory period. However, if any extension period is required in order for this paper to be timely filed, then Applicants hereby request an extension for such additional time period and authorize the appropriate fees therefore to be charged to the Kagan Binder Deposit Account No. 50-1775 and notify us of the same.

It is believed that no other fee is required in filing this Response. However, if any fee is required, please charge the appropriate fee to the Kagan Binder Deposit Account No. 50-1775 and notify us of the same.

**Election/Restrictions**

Claims 1-25 are pending.

According to the Restriction Requirement, election/restriction to one of the following groups is required:

- Group I. Claims 2-15 and 24 are drawn to mixtures of dyes and compositions comprising said mixtures, classified in class 8, subclass 638-643.
- Group II. Claims 16-18, drawn to a measuring and testing process, classified in class 8, subclass 400.
- Group III. Claims 19-20, drawn to a coating composition, classified in class 524, various subclasses.
- Group IV. Claims 21, 22 and 25, drawn to a toner and method of use, classified in class 430, subclass 107.1.
- Group V. Claim 23, drawn to an ink, classified in class 106, subclass 494.

Claim 1 has been identified as is a linking component and will be examined with the group that is elected.